



Highlights

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Spring Stroll, April 14

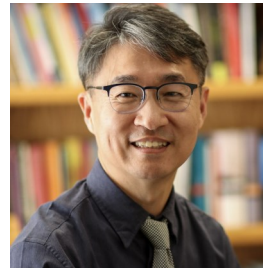
Our next Spring Walk will take place on Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. in Bethania. The 1.4-mile Walnut Bottoms Loop Trail begins at the Bethania Visitor Center. (Wear shoes that can get muddy, just in case!) We hope you will join us for the walk, and afterwards, we'll gather at Starbucks, 2898 Reynolda Road (beside Dioli's) for drinks and more conversation. *If you would like to carpool, meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m.*



Highland's Spring Forum

Sunday, April 21, 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Highland's Fellowship Hall

AI, Ethics, and Theology
Professor Kevin Jung,
Wake Forest University Divinity School,
Theological Ethics and Moral Philosophy



The rapid development of AI has taken the world by surprise, including AI experts, and it is raising many unprecedented questions (e.g., legal, ethical, and theological). In this talk, Professor Jung will reflect upon some of the ethical, metaphysical, and theological questions that are emerging in the new age of AI. Using the AI alignment problem as an example, Professor Jung will highlight both the challenges AI poses to contemporary moral life and the possible theological responses to these challenges.



Highland Forums are a great time to invite friends and neighbors to join us at Highland, meet new people, and learn about various subjects.

Registration requested but not required.

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Worship at 11:00 a.m.

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36–48

Sermon: Randy Harris

Sacrament of Baptism

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23

John 10:11–18

Sermon: Randy Harris

Sacrament of Baptism

Highland Worship Online

There are several ways to access worship:

- Click the link in the Sunday morning email;
- Go to [Highland's website](#) and click on the "[Highland Worship Online](#)" page;
- Subscribe to Highland's YouTube channel where the worship videos are posted (Highland PCWS).

On our Worship Online page, there are links for the Bulletin, a virtual "Friendship Pad," as well as a virtual "offering plate."

Moore School Food Pantry

Highland, alongside Temple Emmanuel, supports Moore Elementary School by providing a food pantry for students of Moore School and their families. For the month of **April**, we are asking for donations of **canned fruit** in natural juice or light syrup. Thank you!



Men's Breakfast



April 17, 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join with the Men of the Church for a time of fellowship and study. Look for an email with details, and email [Randy Harris](#) if you have questions.

ArtRageous is Coming! June 16–19

Mark your calendar and if you are interested in being part of the ArtRageous Planning Team, contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

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Fellowship Lunch, Sunday, April 28

We hope you will join us for our next Fellowship Lunch following worship on Sunday, April 28. The caterer for our meal will be Mike Targett, the owner of InDemand: Asian Street Food and Burger Bar. Watch your email for a Sign-Up Genius, and mark your calendars for this delicious food and wonderful fellowship!



And mark your calendars for our next Fellowship Lunch which will be on Pentecost, May 19. We look forward to these special times together!

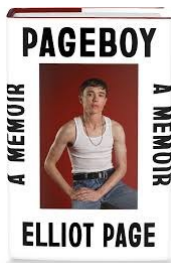
Period Packs Menstrual Hygiene Kits

For four Sundays beginning April 14, our Global Service Committee will be collecting items for Church World Service Menstrual Hygiene Kits, aka Period Packs. On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we will have a Period Pack Packing Party following an all-church fellowship meal. We hope you will take part in the donating and the packing!



In many parts of the world, people who menstruate live in period poverty and therefore lack access to necessary period care supplies. During the menstrual cycle, these hygiene materials are especially important to support general health and hygiene. Not having supplies like sanitary napkins, tampons, soap, and disposable plastic bags can create challenges that lead to unsafe and unsanitary conditions. Our donations will provide the essentials our neighbors need to feel clean, be healthy, and live with dignity during their menstrual cycle. Watch your email for a Sign-Up Genius with the needed supplies. We can help end period poverty.

LGBTQ Book Group Spring Discussion



All are welcome on Sunday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m. as we discuss the next book in our LGBTQ Book Group. The book is *Pageboy: A Memoir* by Academy Award-nominated actor, as well as producer, and director Elliot Page. Our county library system has copies, or you may purchase your own copy from your favorite book seller. We will read the entire book and discuss it in its entirety. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you would like to participate or if you have questions.

News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Carol Eickmeyer*, Home; *Trinette Kirkman*, Home; *Heather Greene*, Brookdale on Reynolda; *Carol Healy*, Home; *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Curtis Patterson*, Home; *Parks Berryhill*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Esther and Les Preston*, Home; *Jean Loftis*, Salemtowne Assisted Living; *Jim Womble*, Heritage Woods; *Mary Pace*, Brookdale on Peace Haven; *Wes McGraw*, Homestead Hills; *John Anderson*, Salemtowne Memory Care; *Ruth Banbury*, Carriage Club Assisted Living (Charlotte).

Bless You! ~ Our prayers for one another. Each week we invite you to pray for members of our Highland family. We will pray not because anything is wrong, but because we care about each other.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, please pray for Spencer and Megan Ayscue; Randy, Carol Ann and Morgan Harris; Pierce and Nancy Johnson; Michael, Leslie and Jeremiah Kamtman; Pat and Jess Kirkman; Andrew, Lori, Charlotte Grace and Amelia Murray; Skip, London, Allen and Banks Pickett; Leslie Sizemore; Johnnie Taylor.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, please pray for Beth Barksdale, Laura Clay and Kip Barksdale; John and Shari Dallas; Tony, Margo, Ethan and Anna Kummer; Jim and Lucy Lancaster; Bob and Emelda Lawing; John and Lili Loftis; Mary Pace; Sarah, Alex and Wil Pitcher; Margo Searls-Begy. *The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24*



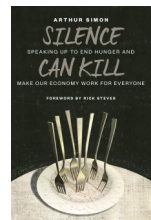
Listening to Black Voices Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, as we continue reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors, and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In April we will break from our pattern of reading to discuss a movie, *The Hate U Give*. A copy of the movie is available to borrow from the church, or you may stream it on Hulu. If you are interested, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



Spring Poverty Book Group

This spring our Poverty Book Group will discuss *Silence Can Kill: Speaking Up to End Hunger and Make Our Economy Work for Everyone* by Art Simon. We will meet in-person at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays April 29 and May 20. Senator Bob Dole said of the book, "Simon makes a credible case that ending hunger is a surprisingly attainable goal – one that can be achieved through determination and a unified voice. More than just informative, this book is a call to action." We hope you will consider reading and discussing this book with us! Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you have interest in joining the study.



Climate Corner: Celebrate Earth Day

April 20, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The annual Piedmont Earth Day Fair (which is the biggest Earth Day celebration in North Carolina!) will be held on the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Piedmont Earth Day Fair is a family-friendly outdoor event designed to offer guests multiple solutions for protecting God’s good creation.



The Fair features over 100 exhibits on a wide range of environmental topics, sustainable solutions, and local initiatives. Also offered are children’s activities, live entertainment, hands-on demonstrations, all-natural food and more. Topics covered include low-maintenance rain barrels, backyard chickens, pollinator gardens, and native bees. **Admission and parking are FREE!**

Community Service Corner



Trinity Center is one of the agencies which Highland supports through your benevolent giving. It is an ecumenical center for counseling, spiritual formation and education fostering healing and wholeness serving a diverse population and has served Winston-Salem for over forty years.

Since mid-February, Trinity Center has conducted their in-person counseling and group sessions in various rooms of our lower level and third floor at Highland. Their lovely home on Holly Street has undergone renovations which necessitated staff moving out. They are deeply grateful for their relationship with us!

We Have a March Madness Winner

The winner of our March Madness Pasta Sauce Drive is Crisis Control as you generously helped us meet our goal by sharing over 770 jars and cans of pasta sauce for those living with food insecurity in our community. Thank you!

We also have no surprise that the school with the most votes is North Carolina State University. Congratulations to all the State fans!

Here is the breakdown: *North Carolina State University 384; Davidson College 125; Appalachian State 90; Wake Forest University 70, University of North Carolina 66, Duke University 26, and Change the Channel 20.* Thank you for having fun while sharing!



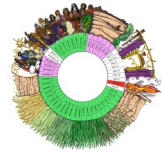
Sunday Morning Christian Education for Adults

Sundays, through May 19; 9:30 a.m.

We have various classes for you to engage in study, conversation, and deeper understanding through Highland's Adult Christian Education offerings. Classes are available in person and on Zoom. Zoom links are included in Highland's Sunday morning email.

The Lectionary Café, Salem Room

The *Lectionary Café* is a welcoming gathering of folks seeking to engage more deeply into the Lectionary text (scripture focus) for each Sunday. The group shares an informal and lively discussion which seeks to draw deep connections between God's intentions for our daily lives and our practices for a more faithful life together. Facilitator: *Mike Culler*



The Present Word Class, Room 124 and Zoom

The Present Word is an in-depth Bible study for adults that dives deep into God's Word, studying the Bible over a six-year period and focusing on a specific theme each quarter. In the Spring quarter, we explore the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us. Unit I, "Faith-FULL Versus Faith-LESS," Unit II, "The Measure of Faith," Unit III, "The Standing in the Faith."



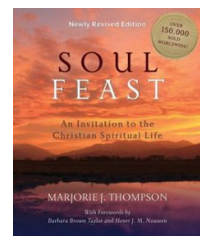
Parents' Conversation and Coffee, Room 126

Parents are invited to gather in Room 126 for coffee and conversation. This is a time to get to know one other and compare notes on the joys and challenges of parenthood. The first Sunday each month we will have a speaker, video, or other resource for deeper conversations on faith formation in the family and other topics. Other Sundays, we will have free time to connect and share stories of "Parenthood."



Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life, Room 127 and Zoom

Marjorie Thompson defines spirituality as "the universal capacity to receive, reflect, and respond to the Spirit of God. . . . It points to the choices of belief, value, commitments, patterns of life, and practice of faith that allow Christ to be formed in us." This class, a part of Highland's Faith Formation Academy, focuses on spiritual reading, prayer, common worship, self-examination, spiritual direction, hospitality, and developing a rule for life. Books are available in the Gallery Hall (\$10). Facilitator: *Highland Staff and others*



ReThinking Earth Day: Faithful Creation Care for Life, Ardmore Room

Earth Day is a worldwide celebration and action day that began as a teach-in in 1970. This year's, April 22 Earth Day theme is "Planet vs. Plastics." During this class, we will expand the idea of Earth Day to *everyday* practices to help protect our environment; God's creation. Topics will include ecojustice, household recycling, sustainable yard care, reducing food waste, protecting local waterways, environmentally friendly transportation, and plant-rich diets. Guest speakers will help us become more active in protecting our sacred Earth every day, from the plants and pollinators in our own backyards to the roads and rivers in our larger community.



Sunday, April 14, Derek Owens, Director of the Winston-Salem Recycling Program will join us to share about what the city collects curbside to be recycled and what happens to these items after they are picked up. We will also discuss shopping with packaging in mind. How can we choose wisely and sustainably?

Sunday, April 21 – Composting

Facilitators: *Members of Highland's Adult Christian Education, Global Service Committee and Special Guests*

4th Friday Fun Night, April 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Mark your family calendar today for our 4th Friday Fun Night, a monthly gathering of children, youth and adults. This is a grand opportunity for parents to have an evening out, knowing their children are safe, having a blast, and expending lots of great energy! We gather at 5:30 for a brief story time before sharing a simple meal together. Then we enjoy a wide variety of activities and games including basketball, pickleball, and cornhole. We even have a quiet spot for those who like to do puzzles, create a sidewalk chalk mural, or coloring. Parents are encouraged to grab dinner together for a time of sharing and building relationships.



Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) for more information.

Sunday Mornings for Highland's Children

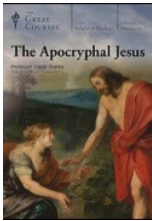
Now–May 19, Kindergarten–Fifth Grade

This unit will focus on the **Jesus' Appearances to the Disciples**.

Through Godly Play, drama, cinema, art, cooking, and movement, the children and their leaders draw closer to the stories of the Risen Christ.



- 9:30–10:15 a.m. Godly Play & Workshops (3rd floor, Education Building)
- 10:15–10:45 a.m. Children's Choir (3rd floor, Education Building, Worship Room)
- 11:00–12:00 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- Nursery (Infants–4 year olds) (1st floor, Education Building)
- 11:15–12:00 p.m. Children & Worship (Kindergarten–1st Grade) (3rd floor, Room 307)



Thursday Morning Women's Study

The Apocryphal Jesus, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Ardmore Room

The New Testament gives us 27 canonical texts—gospels, letters, and more, but these works are only a tiny fraction of the many volumes written about the life of Jesus, his family, and the apostles. This alternative body of literature falls under the category of “apocrypha,” which means “hidden” or “secret,” and it offers fascinating insights into the early Christian world. But these early Christian apocryphal works are more than historical curiosities. For more information, on joining this study contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

Young Adult Ministry

New Look for Thursday Gatherings

We are continuing the new rotational model for our Thursday Young Adult gatherings in April. We value the drop in and consistent nature of our time together to fellowship, study, and support one another. Anyone age 20-30s is welcome to join!



- 1st Thursday: Music Bingo at Fiddlin' Fish, 7:00 p.m.
- 2nd Thursday: Winston Salem Public House, 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd Thursday: Home and Backyard Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.
- 4th Thursday: Little Richards on Stratford Road, 7:30 p.m.

Youth News...

Youth Ministry Schedule

Sunday Mornings

Youth Breakfast begins in the AB 9:30 a.m.

Middle School Class in AB3 9:45–10:30 a.m.

Senior High Class in AB4 10:00–10:45 a.m.

Youth Fellowship

Sunday, April 14

Middle School 4:00–5:15 p.m.

Senior High 4:45–6:00 p.m.

A night together all about claiming joy! Stress is all around us, but God invites us to experience joy in small and large ways.

Let's be together to laugh, rest, and see God's abundance.



Senior High Progressive Dinner

Sunday, April 21

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Walking from one host home to the next, we will share a night of celebrating our seniors and the end of our youth year together.

Middle School End of Year and Bridge Night Celebration

Sunday, April 28

Let's welcome in rising middle school youth with an afternoon of outdoor games. We'll reflect on the year and set goals for our summer as we are gathered and scattered.

Celebrating Our Graduates

Sunday, May 19

As we near graduation time, Highland is getting ready to celebrate the achievements of our high school graduates. In preparation for senior recognition on May 19, we ask families to please share with us some information about their accomplishments and next steps as well as a few favorite pictures. Please email or drop by pictures (which will be returned) to [Courtney Stevens](#). We will celebrate during the 11:00 a.m. worship service and after worship during the all-church fellowship lunch.

Church Calendar

Please be sure to check whether events are meeting online or in person. If a meeting will happen in person, a location is specified.

Sunday April 14

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided),
Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Spring Stroll, Bethania
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth, AB 3
4:45 p.m. High School Youth, AB 4

Monday April 15

9:30 a.m. Staff meeting, Parlor
5:30 p.m. Long Range Planning

Tuesday April 16

6:30 p.m. Adult Christian Education Committee
7:00 p.m. Listening to Black Voices Study Group

Wednesday April 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
6:30 p.m. Arts in Worship Committee, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday April 18

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
11:30 a.m. Caring Friends
5:45 p.m. Community Service Committee,
Ardmore Room
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Home of Spencer and
Megan Ayscue

Sunday April 21

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided),
Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Spring Forum, Fellowship Hall

Monday April 22

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee, Ardmore Room

Tuesday April 23

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Salem Room
1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside

Wednesday April 24

11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday April 25

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
4:00 p.m. Membership Committee, Ardmore Room
7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Little Richard's